--14. A fretting resisting roller bearing according to Claim 1, wherein said corrosion preventing agent is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid ester and phosphorous acid ester.--

--15. A fretting resisting roller bearing according to Claim 1, wherein said corrosion preventing agent is

molybdenum dithiocarbomate. --

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Minor editorial amendments have been made in the specification to place this application in better condition for issue. The abstract has also been editorially revised to place it in better form and to better reflect the subject matter of Applicants' invention as presently claimed.

Claim 1 has been amended more particularly to recite a preferred implementation of the invention in which the lubricating oil, in addition to satisfying the previously recited dynamic viscosity characteristic, contains an extreme pressure agent and a corrosion preventing agent.

The alleged indefiniteness has also been addressed, as has the alleged indefiniteness of Claim 3.

Claims 4-15 have been presented in order to provide specific protection for certain preferred features of the invention within the broader scope of amended Claim 1, including the preferred hardness of the rolling elements and the preferred extreme pressure and corrosion preventing agents.

Applicants respectfully submit that, at least as presently amended, Claim 1 distinguishes patentably from the collective teachings of the Shiraishi et al., Noguchi et al., and Dunfield et al. patents, which were cited in the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

More particularly, the aforementioned patents fail to teach or suggest the use of an oil film of lubricating oil having the stated dynamic viscosity as well as containing an extreme pressure agent and a corrosion preventing agent as set forth in Claim 1. Note that the disclosed additives in Shiraishi include oiliness improvers, alcoholic solvents, and antioxidants, while Noguchi et al. and Dunfield et al. do not disclose lubricating oil compositions in detail.

An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 22-0585 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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